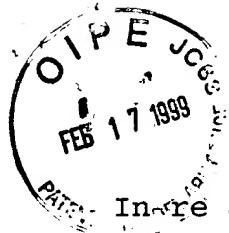


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RESPONSE

The Honorable Commissioner of
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Dear Sir:

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mailed November 13, 1999, requiring that a response be mailed to
the Office before the shortened statutory period for response to
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